

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September 2025

Psalm Response: Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Sun: 9.00am Mass Claire Houston RIP
11.00am Mass Norman Annable RIP

Mon: 10.00am Mass at St John Fisher School Staff & Pupils of the School

Tues: NO MASS
Wed: NO MASS
Thurs: NO MASS

Fri: 12 noon Mass Ann McGauran Int.

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Sun: 9.00am Mass Valeria & Pavol Tomko Int & Little Paulina RIP
11.00am Mass Alfred & Greta Magee RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £445.85
Diocesan Quota: £168.08

For those who regularly contribute to the Church via the Envelope Scheme, another option would be to set up a Monthly or Weekly Direct Debit or Standing Order. If you contribute by any of these methods and you pay Income Tax, please consider Gift Aiding your contributions to the Parish, this is worth an extra 20% to the Parish without costing you any more than your Gift to the Parish.

Lloyds Bank: sort code 30-92-59;
Account number 01620555 – English Martyrs, Derby RCP.
(Gift Aid forms available at the back of Church)

Payments to the parish by cheque should be made payable to:
English Martyrs Derby RCP

Sanctuary Lamp:

Second Collection next Sunday, 21 September for Evangelii
Gaudium Sunday

Second Collections in October:

5 October - CAFOD Family Fast
19 October - Missio Sunday
26 October - Diocesan Quota

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast) – 14 September:

On the Cross, human misery and divine mercy meet. The adoration of this unlimited mercy is for man the only way to open himself to the mystery which the Cross reveals. The Cross is planted in the earth and would seem to extend its roots in human malice, but it reaches up, pointing as it were to the heavens, pointing to the goodness of God. By means of the Cross of Christ, the Evil One has been defeated, death is overcome, life is given to us, hope is restored, light is imparted. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life", says Jesus. What do we see then when we bring our eyes to bear on the cross where Jesus was nailed? We contemplate the sign of God's infinite love for humanity. St Paul speaks of the same theme in the letter to the Ephesians. Not only did Christ Jesus become man, in everything similar to human beings, but he took on the condition of a servant and humbled himself even more by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Yes, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". We admire – overwhelmed and gratified – the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge. O Crux, ave spes unica! Hail, O Cross, our only hope!

Pope St John Paul II

Prayers for the Sick: Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially Simon Thompson, Christine Dreuit, Terry Bullock, Giovanni Busato, Ian Robinson, Bart Makowski, Joe Migallo, Liam Blaney, Christopher Turner, Tracey Reeve, Liz Simmons, Terry & Liz Spencer, Mick & Frances Connolly, Maria Latwiel, Anne Smith, Margaret Meagher, James Wilson, Libby Dodes, Gregory Makowski, Brian Campbell, Mary Storer, Peggy Whelan and Ann McGauran.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died.
May they rest in peace.

Our Lady of Sorrow's (Memorial) – 15 September:

This feast originated as a memorial of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, most of which were linked to the events of Good Friday, when she stood at the foot of the cross. We remember that the Blessed Virgin had to live through the personal tragedy of seeing her Son die. She had a unique share in our redemption, offering her Son's life to the Lord, trusting that it was part of his plan.

Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Memorial)

- 16 September:

St Cornelius (+ 253) was elected Pope in succession to St Fabian and actively fought the errors of Novatian, who denied that those who had lapsed from the faith could be reconciled. He died while exiled in Civitavecchia (Italy) and is venerated as a martyr.

St Cyprian (+ 258) was another leading opponent of Novatianism. He was Bishop of Carthage and one of the earliest victims of the persecution under the Emperor Valerian. Both saints are included in the Roman Canon.

St Ninian, Bishop (Feast in Scotland) - 16 September:

St Ninian (+ c.432) is thought to have been a British bishop who was educated in Rome and sent to preach the Gospel to the Picts. He built a 'white house' or stone church at Whithorn, south of Wigtown (Scotland), which was his base and the site of a monastic community. St Ninian is witness to the antiquity of the Church in Scotland and its early links with the Holy See.

St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Opt Mem) - 17 September:

St Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621) was born at Montepulciano (Italy) and joined the Society of Jesus. He was later created a Cardinal and was briefly Archbishop of Capua, although his greatest legacy is as a theologian and controversialist, especially in defending the Church from its Protestant critics. He was canonised only in 1930, and declared a Doctor of the Church the following year.

Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs - 20 September:

The Korean Martyrs testify to the presence of the faith in that region from the eighteenth century and the terrible persecutions during the nineteenth century. Outstanding among them were St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn (1821-1846), the first Korean-born priest who was tortured and beheaded near Seoul in 1846, and St Paul Chŏng Ha-sang (c.1794-1839), a lay catechist who was crucified on 22 September 1839. More than 8,000 Christians from all walks of life lost their lives during the persecution and 103 of them were canonised by Pope St John Paul II in Korea in the year 1984.

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast) - 21 September:

St Matthew (first century), also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus. He worked as a tax collector for the Romans, a despised profession, when he was called by the Lord at Capernaum. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ called him to be an Apostle. After the Ascension he may have travelled to Persia or to Ethiopia; wherever it was, he was martyred. St Matthew's Gospel stands first in the New Testament, and his name appears among the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.